

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended): A method for enhancing a usage of a telephone, the method comprising:

receiving an incoming call;

detecting an ambient noise level; and

enhancing the incoming call to make it more understandable by a recipient of the incoming call where the detected ambient noise level is greater than a predetermined threshold noise level, wherein the enhancing includes converting the incoming call to text by speech recognition and displaying the text.

2. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the enhancing further comprises automatically amplifying a loudness of the incoming call to the recipient of the incoming call.

3. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the displaying of the text is to the recipient of the incoming call.

4. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the enhancing further comprises automatically amplifying a loudness of the incoming call to the recipient of the incoming call and the displaying of the text is to the recipient of the incoming call.

5. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the telephone is a cellular telephone.

6. (Previously presented): The method of claim 2, further comprising detecting whether a headphones is operatively connected to the telephone, wherein the amplifying is only carried out when the headphones are detected as being operatively connected.

7. (Currently amended): A telephone comprising:
a receiver for receiving an incoming call;
a noise sensor for detecting an ambient noise level; and
a processor for enhancing the incoming call to make it more understandable by a recipient of the incoming call where the detected ambient noise level is greater than a predetermined threshold noise level, wherein the enhancing includes converting the incoming call to alphanumeric text by speech recognition and displaying the alphanumeric text.

8. (Previously presented): The telephone of claim 7, further comprising a speaker for reproducing the incoming call, wherein the processor automatically amplifies a loudness of the incoming call on the speaker where the detected ambient noise level is greater than the predetermined threshold noise level.

9. (Previously presented): The telephone of claim 7, further comprising a display screen for displaying the alphanumeric text to the recipient of the incoming call.

10.(Currently amended): The telephone of claim 7, further comprising a speaker for reproducing the incoming call and a display screen for displaying the alphanumeric text to the recipient of the incoming call, wherein the processor automatically amplifies a loudness of the incoming call on the speaker, converts the incoming call to text by speech recognition, and displays the text to the recipient of the incoming call where the detected ambient noise level is greater than the predetermined threshold noise level.

11. (Previously presented): The telephone of claim 7, wherein the telephone is a cellular telephone.

12. (Previously presented): The telephone of claim 8, wherein the processor further detects whether a headphones is operatively connected to the telephone, wherein the processor only amplifies the incoming call on the speaker where the headphones are detected as being operatively connected.

13. (Currently amended): A computer program product embodied in a computer-readable medium for enhancing a usage of a telephone, the computer program product comprising:
computer readable program code means for receiving an incoming call;
computer readable program code means for detecting an ambient noise level; and
computer readable program code means for enhancing the incoming call to make it more understandable by a recipient of the incoming call where the detected ambient noise level is greater than a predetermined threshold noise level, wherein the enhancing includes converting the incoming call to text by speech recognition and displaying the text.

14. (Previously presented): The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the computer readable program code means for enhancing further comprises computer readable program code means for automatically amplifying a loudness of the incoming call to the recipient of the incoming call.

15. (Previously presented): The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the displaying of the text is to the recipient of the incoming call.

16. (Currently amended): A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for enhancing a usage of a telephone, the method comprising:
receiving an incoming call;
detecting an ambient noise level; and

enhancing the incoming call to make it more understandable by a recipient of the incoming call where the detected ambient noise level is greater than a predetermined threshold noise level, wherein the enhancing includes converting the incoming call to text by speech recognition and displaying the text.

17. (Previously presented): The program storage device of claim 16, wherein the enhancing further comprises automatically amplifying a loudness of the incoming call to the recipient of the incoming call.

18. (Previously presented): The program storage device of claim 16, wherein the enhancing comprises displaying of the text is to the recipient of the incoming call.